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Clean-up Operations Continue in Mayflower, AR

MAYFLOWER, AR – The Mayflower Incident Unified Command Joint Information Center provided the following update as clean-up operations continued Saturday following a release of crude oil near Mayflower, AR.

- Emergency response personnel were on the ground within 30 minutes after the leak was detected. Approximately 100 ExxonMobil employees are responding to the incident in addition to federal, state, and local resources.
- Emergency response efforts are focused on ensuring the safety of the community members and the response workers, addressing community concerns and the clean-up process. Precautions are in place to keep oil away from Lake Conway.
- The City of Mayflower recommended that 22 homes on Starlite Road and Shade Tree Lane be evacuated; all residents evacuated following notifications by the Mayflower Police Department.
- CTEH, professional hygienist authorities, are conducting continuous air quality monitoring. The air quality does not likely present a human health risk, with the exception of the high pooling areas, where clean-up crews are working with safety equipment.
- Clean-up crews have deployed 2,000 feet of boom and have mobilized 15 vacuum trucks to the site to clean-up the oil. Approximately 4,500 barrels of oil and water have been recovered.
- A claims hotline number (1-800-876-9291) was established to assist individuals who might have been impacted by this event. We have a number of adjusters on site to take people's claims and more are arriving.
- A community meeting is scheduled at 2:00 p.m. CDT today at the Mayflower High School cafeteria.
- The EPA categorizes the incident as a 'major spill.' This category reflects a quantity greater than 250 barrels. We observed a few thousand barrels of oil in the area, but are staging a response for more than 10,000 barrels to be conservative.
- The cause of the spill is under investigation.